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# highlights

## Commencement 2007: Farewells and New Beginnings

**N**AHS will long remember its lively, talented 2007 Valedictorian. A gifted pianist and articulate IB scholar, **Sijia Cai** is graduating at the age of 15. With a perfect score on the SAT, she was this year's Star Student of the entire APS system.

Sijia landed on North Atlanta's doorstep when she came to the U.S. from Germany four years ago. She recalls with some amusement that Dr. Frutiger was not too sure about admitting an 11-year-old into the International Studies program. However, her aptitude and academic

preparation in both Stuttgart and Singapore soon validated her acceptance. Now that she has completed the IB program, Sijia cautions that it is not for everyone. "It takes a challenging mind. You have to do whatever is necessary, each according to his ability, to read and retain."

Sijia has been accepted at both Columbia and Cornell to study international journalism. On the other hand, she is contemplating taking a "gap year" to continue the world travels she has experienced as the daughter of a research scientist. She would like especially to visit Guadalupe, to see first hand the remnants of French colonial culture.

Sijia has been a valuable member of the Beta Club, Chess Club, Math Team, and Quiz Bowl. She enjoys badminton and archery, but loves playing the piano most of all. She has been featured at many NAHS programs, and will perform at this year's graduation ceremony. A standing ovation is guaranteed.



*Top scholars Sijia Cai (L) and Alex Scharf*

**B**right red hair and a signature clothing style distinguish Salutatorian **Alex Scharf**, whether in the Art Room, an IB class, or the stable. Self-described as "a rebel" and "off-center," the accomplished artist is a researcher at heart. She says that she is "always interested in looking around to see what else a place has to offer." This attitude made it easier to attend three high schools in four years. She moved from Florida for her 10th grade year at Riverwood, and transferred to North Atlanta for 11th grade.

Alex has had two lifelong passions — horses and art. Art teacher Natalie Brandhorst says, "Although the focus of Alex's work is the equine field, she does a tremendous amount of investigation of her subject matter, whatever it is. Her mastery of understanding her subject informs her entire body of work."

Research ability will be a key element of Alex's chemical engineering studies at Cornell University next year. She selected Cornell because it also offers a strong art department and an equestrian program. Where does chemical engineering fit in? "Eventually, I want to be an equine vet, specializing in orthopedic surgery. There is a lot of transferable knowledge between those fields."

Alex spends a lot of time at the YMCA as president of the Teen Leader Club. She credits her successes with an inner drive and motivation to succeed. "Set your own standards and be happy with your work," the individualist advises.

# Principal thoughts

Young people today face problems that I did not have at their age.



Every day, at some level, they have to deal with grave issues like violence on high school and college campuses, sexually transmitted diseases, broken homes, availability of illegal drugs, and economic disadvantages. Not to mention the normal, smaller problems of parent conflicts, the whole love-relationship thing, body image, and which acne medicine to buy.

Adults have problems too, often serious ones, as we deal with health issues that come with growing older, retirement with hope of having enough money to live on, and family concerns as we watch our children try to succeed in the game of life.

How we deal with all of this determines our degree of happiness. I made a decision a long time ago that external circumstances will not determine my happiness. No matter what the bank account has in it, or what the challenge is at work, one can put it all in perspective. It could always be worse, a lot worse. There is someone in the middle of a crisis who might be very happy to trade places with us. Sometimes we complain and don't realize how good we really have it.

North Atlanta is a wonderful place. I love it, and I love the challenge it has given me. I have mixed emotions leaving it. The great thing about North Atlanta is the daily opportunity to meet a challenge head on and triumph over it. When that happens, the feeling of accomplishment makes the effort worthwhile.

Now, I am asking everyone who reads this to JOIN THE TEAM. I will not be here, but the team is still here. The team needs all of you. The work is not over; in fact, it will never be over, but will always be rewarding. The excellence of this school is worth fighting for. I want to encourage you to get behind the administration, faculty, and students to do the work of high school transformation. And make a conscious choice, as I did, to do it with happiness.

– J. Scott Bursmith

# New principal: "My" thoughts



In my 23-year career in the Atlanta Public School system, I've walked through the doors of North Atlanta High School on many occasions, but my visit there last week was a very different and very special experience.

As principal of Sutton Middle School, I've always been very proud of the fine students we've sent on to North Atlanta. As I walked the NAHS halls last week, there were familiar faces welcoming me to "our school" at every turn! From Student Government president, Yale University-bound Alex Gillon, to "Pippin" himself! Yes, I knew Omar Brock as a middle-schooler!

I was very impressed by the warm reception from the teachers as well. I believe the collegiality of the faculty should be centered on teaching and learning. That is what we, as educators, already know we have in common. We must enthusiastically support and enhance the extracurricular and sports programs that help make a good high school a great one. NAHS has strong traditions in these areas. But what will continue to make North Atlanta great is our focus on the activities in our classrooms each hour of the school day. This is the foundation upon which we will build the premier high school in the city. This is the challenge for all of us. And I know we can do it!

Over the years at Sutton, I felt the energy and excitement generated by our school's growing success. I am so proud of what we have accomplished. It has been a wonderful experience. Quite rarely in life does one have the opportunity to have what I feel has been a "once-in-a-lifetime" experience for a second time! But that is how I feel about my move to NAHS! Thank you, Warrior Nation, for embracing me as you have. I feel I'm already a part of the North Atlanta family.

– Mark MyGrant

## Faculty Focus



Sadly, two of our favorite, strongest teachers are retiring. Our thanks and best wishes to **Margaret Gentle** (L), Family & Consumer Sciences, and **Yvonne Pringle**, Math Department Chair.

### Each One Reach One Community Impact Project

will award four of its graduating tutors with \$1,000 scholarships. Many of the program's 80 volunteers are NAHS students, and the tutoring program is hosted here. The scholarships will be funded by the organization's 2006 Hitachi Foundation award and monies raised by tutors who volunteered for snack bar work at the Georgia Dome. The winners will be announced at the closing ceremony, to be held on Saturday, July 12, 2007. The guest speaker will be Adam Smith, Chief Procurement Officer for the City of Atlanta. As in the past, all children who successfully complete the program by bringing their grades up by two points will receive a brand new computer from Microsoft. Two Seniors who have perfect attendance as tutors for two years will each receive a laptop.

# THE PTSA WELCOMES YOU!

## Catch the Spirit & pass it on!

### Last PTSA Meeting

Monday May 14th

7:00 pm, Social Time; 7:30 Meeting

Greet our incoming principal & vote for the 2007-08 slate of officers!

### Everything you wanted to know about graduation

is in the "Senior Handbook" on the website. Please help with all the other Senior Events — the Breakfast, Picnic, Luncheon, and Visions — by contacting Leslie Mackinnon, 404.355.3887 or [clanmack@bellsouth.net](mailto:clanmack@bellsouth.net), to volunteer.

### May is Better Speech and Hearing Month Did you know...

...that the leading cause of hearing loss in adolescents and young adults is meningitis?

Contact your local health department or pediatrician about the meningitis vaccine.

...that if you take grandma or grandpa to a local play or concert, they may have an easier time listening if they request an assistive listening device?

This device is available at many cultural halls in town at no cost.

...that hearing loss is the number one disability at birth?

Most hospitals screen newborn babies for hearing loss before they leave the hospital.

...that there will be FREE hearing screenings on Saturday, May 19, from 9:00 am to 12 noon?

They will be available at the Atlanta Speech School, 3160 Northside Parkway. Phone 404.233.5332 for details. If you have any questions please email **Ms. Eileen Barrett**, North Atlanta's teacher of the deaf/hard of hearing, at [ebarrett@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:ebarrett@atlanta.k12.ga.us).

### Summer Studies

#### • Summer Reading

It's that time again! Check the website or the Main Office for this REQUIRED assignment for ALL students. Get your books now, and take your literary adventures with you on your summer sojourns.

#### • SAT Prep Class

Dates: Mondays & Thursdays,  
June 11 – July 26

Location: Georgia Tech

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Textbook: The Official Study Guide by

The College Board, available at Borders or Barnes & Noble

Fee: \$289

For more information:

404.351.4955 or [www.GoGetPrep.com](http://www.GoGetPrep.com)

#### • Summer School registration

May 14-17 and June 5. Students should see their counselors for registration requirements.

#### • Passport2College

DeVry University is offering a summer study opportunity for rising juniors and seniors who:

- are interested in taking college level courses, without paying tuition
- are interested in business or technology
- have a 3.0 gpa or better
- are US citizens or have permanent residency
- are at least 16 years of age on the first day of class

Dates: June 25-July 13, 2007; times vary according to classes.

For more information please visit: [www.atl.devry.edu](http://www.atl.devry.edu) or call 404.292.7900, ext. 2357.

Applications are due June 1, 2007.

### To the North Atlanta family:

We are wrapping up a great year with both sadness and excitement. As most of you know, Mr. Bursmith has announced his resignation as our principal. We have had two wonderful years under his leadership. Mr. Bursmith brought a renewed spirit to our school, and started many new initiatives at North Atlanta.

Dr. Hall knew she needed to find a good, solid replacement to keep North Atlanta moving in the right direction. Within 24 hours of hearing the news, she went to Sutton Middle School and offered the job to Mr. Mark MyGrant. Mr. MyGrant accepted the job the following morning! We want to welcome our newest Warrior, and we know the transition will be smooth.

The theme of the PTSA this year has been "*Catch the Spirit and Pass It On.*" So many parents did just that, and we would like to say thank you! We could not have been successful without our dedicated parents.

Highlights of the year include the **Dad's Breakfast with Mr. Bursmith, Health & Wellness Fair, Defensive Driving Course, Open House & Chili Cook-off, Reflections, Barnes & Noble Book Fair and our monthly Coffee Talks.** Through your donations we were also able to offer more teacher grants and student scholarships!

Please join us at our last PTSA meeting on Monday, May 14. We will vote on the 2007-08 PTSA Board, recognize our partners, and have a reception for Mr. Bursmith and Mr. MyGrant. You will also be given the opportunity to share your thoughts in a survey of how the PTSA can better serve you. If you cannot attend, please pick up a survey in the Parent Resource Center.

Again, thank you for a wonderful year. We enjoyed working with you and serving as your co-presidents of the PTSA.

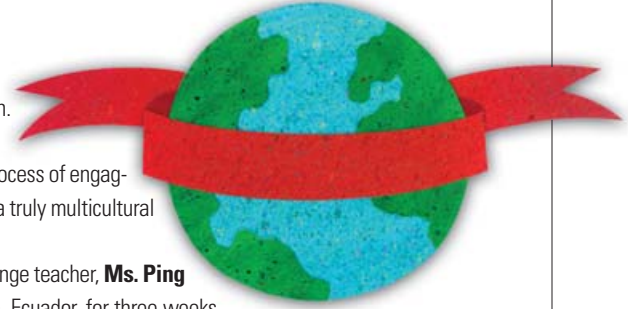
– Tangelea & Peggy

### WANTED: Old inkjet and laser cartridges

The Key Club is collecting empty ink cartridges as a fundraiser to support their service and community projects. Please save your empty cartridges and drop them off at the NAHS Media Center with **Ms. Sheila Howard**, Key Club advisor. Your support is greatly appreciated. Key Club is sponsored by the Buckhead Kiwanis Club. It is a non-profit service organization building young leaders in civic and community service.

# Center for International Studies (CIS)

*"Your connection to the world"*



## Building a Global Network

This year we hosted three major international exchange groups — from France, Latvia, and Japan. Next year we hope to *add* groups from Jamaica, China, and Jordan! Please keep an eye out for news about these exchanges and get involved by hosting some of our guests. It is through this process of engaging with people from other countries that we help our students learn how to feel comfortable in a truly multicultural environment.

This summer, several students of Chinese will be traveling to China to visit our Fulbright exchange teacher, **Ms. Ping Liang**. **Ms. Erica Periera**, our IB teacher of Spanish, is taking a group of 13 students to Quito, Ecuador, for three weeks of homestays, touring, Spanish instruction, and community service.

Next year should offer even more opportunities to travel. We are planning to continue our exchange with two high schools in Paris, France. For even more adventurous students, teachers, and parents, we are working with the Atlanta Sister Cities Commission to develop a reciprocal exchange with a school in Ra'anana, Israel. Our new friends in Riga, Latvia, have invited us to visit, and we have been invited to return to Amman, Jordan. If you are interested in participating in one of these exchanges or helping to organize one or more of them, please talk with **Dr. Frutiger**, 404.802.4709 or [dfrutiger@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:dfrutiger@atlanta.k12.ga.us).



**Valerie Torrini, Ms. Lorraine Bowen** (teacher), **Dr. Hall, James Sands, Sable Long, and Tijah Sikes**. Back row: **Rico Martin, Natasha White, Marques Reese, Felix Mann**. Not pictured: **Victoria Bailey, Maurizio Lopez**.

### BUSINESS TRAVELS

At the Business Plan Competition sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration and UPS, the NAHS Business Plan Team accepted a 4th place trophy for NAHS against other very competitive APS schools. Team members received individual trophies and congratulations from Superintendent Dr. Beverly Hall. Pictured in the front row are

### MODEL UN DELEGATES

The following students were recognized as Outstanding Delegates at the Third Annual International Studies Model United Nations held March 30:

- Whitney Amey**
- Nia Andrews-Eagle**
- Ayana Barry-Buchanan**
- Bastian Benrath**
- Reza Bhiwandiwalla**
- Caroline Brown**
- Sijia Cai**
- Vicky Davis**
- Maria Dieci**
- Andrew Diehl**
- Jesse Eidson**
- Mandy Eidson**
- Alex Gillon**
- David Leonard**
- Daniel J. Lievens**
- Mohammad Masood Mazhar**
- Rachael Mizrahi**
- Keiyeral Ranson**
- Ruben Sanchez**
- Alex Scharf**
- Hayley Tonner**



to local colleges, and dining at local eateries. The students were especially impressed by Jamaican hospitality, food, and culture, and purchased Jamaican artifacts to be sold in the Warrior Warehouse school store.

In collaboration with Montego Bay/Atlanta Sister Cities Committee, International Business students **Kole Bowman, Courtney Coleman, Rebecca Girma, Ross James, Kalpesh Mehta, Ariel Palma, and La'Bree Tinney** recently visited Montego Bay, Jamaica, with teachers **Lorraine Bowen** and **Anne Jackson**. The students were hosted by Jamaican families from Cornwall College and Montego Bay High School. The itinerary included daily classroom participation, meeting with key leaders and Jamaican dignitaries, trips

### AWARDS IN CHINESE

Five Chinese I students participated in the Foreign Language Association of Georgia's annual Spoken Language Contest held at Marietta High School. Two were awarded Superior Medals and three were awarded Excellent Medals. Hundreds of students from across Georgia participated. From left to right: **Bastian Benrath, Shannon Kelley,**

CIS students in all grades 9-12 participated in the student-led simulation, which was carried out in eight committees or councils. The following students did a wonderful job chairing them:

- Omar Carrillo**
- Sonia Kikeri**
- Tiffany Lasky Tumarkin**
- Ruthie Mayeux**
- Julie Mohamed**
- Roman Sanders**
- Josh Sandler**
- Krishna Vora**
- Chelsea Weatherspoon**



**Ms. Ping Liang** (teacher), **Emily Charles, and Cara Joy Wong**. Not pictured is **Terzieva Gergana**.



# Center for the Arts (CFA)

*"A Star in every Student... a Student in every Star"*

**SATURDAY, MAY 12 7:30 –11 PM**



**Sam Massell** and the **Buckhead Coalition** for their years of support. Contact the CFA office (404.802.4726) if you have not purchased tickets yet; a limited number will be available at the door.

Put on your dancing shoes and join the crowd at this fundraising gala for the whole school! Listen to the Jazz Band at their best, bid on beautiful art works in the Silent Auction, and thank



## ART WORKS

Reflections winner **Elliott Mackinnon** displayed and sold several of his works at the Arts & Crafts Fair in March. He and fellow artist **Kenneth Harris** are representing NAHS in the 5th District Congressional Art Competition. The winner will fly to Washington to have lunch with Congressman Lewis, and the winning work will be displayed in the White House for one year.

## DANCE STEPS

See art in motion at the Spring Dance Concert, Thursday and Friday, May 10 & 11, at 7:00 pm in the Shaw Theatre. As always, our Dance department presents a unique blend of dance forms from ballet to modern, folk to hip hop. Students \$5; Adults \$7.



## PUPPET PLAY

Seniors in **Ms. Natalie Taylor-Shaw's** Environmental Science class have written scripts and created puppets to depict the significance of Earth Day. They plan to perform a puppet show for the children at Brandon Elementary in May — if approved administratively.

## MUSIC NOTES

The North Atlanta **Symphonic Band** received all "Superior" ratings (the highest assessment) at a level six (the highest degree of difficulty) in the GMEA Large Group Performance Evaluation on March 9th at Milton High School. It has been four or five years since the band earned superior ratings, or played at level six. Congratulations to **Director Adam Brooks** and all the hard working band members.

So far, Band Seniors have accumulated over \$250,000 in scholarships and grants. Twenty out of the 22 graduating members have a 3.0 GPA or better; 12 have a 3.3 or above.

The **Marching Warriors** have been invited to perform at next year's Orange Bowl Parade in Miami, Florida!

Come celebrate the successes of our bands at their "Concert in the Courtyard," a joint presentation of the Symphonic and Jazz Bands. It's on Wednesday, May 9, at 7:00 pm. Bring your own picnic supper and lawn chairs or blankets, and enjoy their award-winning music.

## STAGE DIRECTIONS

**Omar Brock**, starring in the recent CFA production of Pippin, has been accepted into the theatre program at the Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City. **Jade Pinkston** and **Nicole Webb** have auditioned for the Alliance Theatre's Collision Project this summer. **Ms. Linda Stevenson** will hear in July if the grant she wrote for a three-year joint theatrical program with the Alliance Theatre has been accepted. Meanwhile, meetings are under way with the Oglethorpe University Theatre Department to plan a joint theatrical production in the fall of 2007 that will involve both NAHS and Oglethorpe students.



## CURTAIN CALL

All Center for the Arts families and faculty — mark your calendar for the annual CFA Potluck Awards Dinner on Monday, May 14, at 5:00 pm in the Cafeteria. Bring the family and a dish to share!

## WINNING WARRIORS



Vicky Davis



Julie Mohamed, Mylinh Vo and Andrea Lewis

*Four of our top students have won prestigious scholarships. **Vicky Davis** has been selected as a Gates Millenium Scholar, providing her full tuition at the college of her choice. Emory University has offered Martin Luther King scholarships (full ride) to both **Andrea Lewis** and **Julie Mohamed**, and awarded **Mylinh Vo** the generous honor of a Benjamin Mays scholarship.*

*Senior **Carlton Releford** has completed 278 volunteer hours during the last two years at Zoo Atlanta. He serves as an interpreter for various animal exhibits.*

MORE WINNING WARRIORS>

# Center for Business, Hospitality and Leadership (BHL)

*"Student success in a global and technological society"*

## MARCHING TO THE VERY END MARCHING TO THE VERY END TO THE VERY END TO THE

As the year draws to a close, the mighty Warrior battalion is as busy as ever. On April 27th our color guard marched in the annual Cancer Walk on the athletic track behind the school. During the first week of May, upper class cadets participated in a job shadow experience at Fort McPherson. The next day was the JROTC Department Awards Day ceremony in Shaw Theatre, and the APS JROTC Brigade Awards Ceremony was held the following night at Alonzo A. Crim Open Campus High School.

On May 8th our cadets will be teaching in various elementary grades at Bolton Academy. This is a Junior Achievement field trip. The next day, battalion members will assist with events in the Special Olympics at Lakewood Stadium.

Summer plans for battalion members include leadership school and "summer camp" — JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge in Fort Benning, GA. **Jazzmin Johnson** will be attending the United States Military Academy Summer Leaders' Seminar in West Point, NY. We'll see everyone back to do it all again, even better, next year!

## CREATIVE CLASSROOMS

- Students in **Sra. Ayishah Dennis's** Spanish II Honors classes recently prepared newscasts (including news, weather, sports, traffic, gossip, movies and commercials) entirely in Spanish. They were videotaped, and the results were all excellent, according to their teacher. Their final project for the year will involve writing, directing and filming a movie.

Each class will choose a genre, hold auditions, hire stage crew, and create the film. The movies will be presented to all of Sra. Dennis's other classes, who will critique the movies and choose the one they preferred the most. The winning class will celebrate their success with a fiesta.

- **Ms. Franchesca Thompson's** Business Management class is doing its own version of "The Apprentice." Two teams of students are competing to create a better school store. They will present their ideas to a "Board" of administrators and teachers, who will select the winning proposal. The Warrior Warehouse may have a whole new look next year! Here is the web page that has information about the project: <http://fthomps33.googlepages.com/theapprentice>.
- The Legion of the Dragon, The Order of the Phoenix, and The Disciples of the Sphinx all sound like mystical organizations that hark back to the days of the Knights Templar. In reality, these are the names of the different "houses" of **Mrs. Tay Gibson's** 9th grade Literature class. While mastering ELA standards and literary understanding, the groups of students are competing for the Gibson World Cup (a compilation of various prizes to be awarded to the winning house). The students are able to gain or lose points for class participation, homework completion, and various "house challenges." The positive peer pressure created by this activity provides much needed motivation for these 9th graders as they prepare to take their first EOCTs. The

winning house will be announced on Friday, May 18.

## CLOSE UP CLUB IN ACTION

Led by Social Studies teacher **Mrs. Mary Mathews**, the Close Up Community Action Club is really in action.

The 17 members have worked throughout the year on a project that serves as a means to a goal: to create awareness among NAHS students and the community about tutorial and mentorship opportunities available to the student body. Club members have been actively surveying the faculty, colleges and universities, and different organizations that provide assistance to high school students. Participants are using results of the surveys to compile a database for students to find the best program to assist them with meeting their needs.

The club has also designed a North Atlanta Homework Help Center that will open the week of May 14 in time for finals preparation.

On April 12, the club hosted a citywide "Great American Cities Expo" at NAHS. Nine APS high schools presented projects covering social issues and how to change public policy on those issues. In attendance were representatives of the Washington DC-based Close Up Foundation. As the nation's largest nonpartisan citizenship education organization, it works to promote responsible and informed participation in the democratic process. It sponsors a variety of educational programs such as this exercise that encourages young people to become agents of change.

## WINNING WARRIORS

**Bianca Tenney**, a graduating honors student, has had perfect school attendance since kindergarten! She will be attending Emory University in the fall. This summer she will be interning in Washington DC with Dr. Gary Dennis, Associate Professor at Howard University College of Medicine and Chief of the Division of Neurological Surgery at Howard University Hospital.

The captain and leading scorer of our girls' soccer team, **Ruthie Mayeux**, is the third (and last) graduating Warrior in her family. The IB student will be going to the University of Florida, and

recently received a \$2,000 scholarship from the Gator Club's Atlanta chapter.



Sophomore **Magan Ngoto** has been selected to participate in the Student Ambassador European Adventure this summer. He will be traveling to France, Italy, Austria and Switzerland during the month of July.



Phillip Modesitt, riding at the Miracles Happen Gala at Chastain Horse Park, received a special award from Hermès of Paris for his performance at the fundraising event.

*MORE WINNING WARRIORS>*

# IN THE WARR-ZONE

## NIKE Basketball Camp at NAHS

From June 25-29, our Boys Basketball Head Coach **David Kessler** will be hosting the 1st annual NIKE boys basketball camp at NAHS. The camp is for boys aged 8-15, and runs from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Monday - Friday. Each camper receives a NIKE t-shirt, NIKE basketball, NIKE notebook and a written evaluation. For more information call 1-800-NIKE-CAMP or visit [www.usportscamps.com](http://www.usportscamps.com).

## Let's Hear It for the Warriors!

Cheerleading tryouts will be held Monday, May 14 - Wednesday, May 16. The first two days will be practice clinics from 3:45-5:00, and the actual tryouts will be held on May 16. Any interested girls should see **Ms. Dwionne Cannon** (room 257) or **Mrs. Tay Gibson** (room 255).

## Thanks AGAIN, Harry Norman!



Our assistant baseball coach, **Angel Ramos** (L), and our golf coach, **Todd Emerson** (R) are both volunteers from the Buckhead office of Harry Norman Realtors.

## NAHS Sports Booster Club

The Sports Booster Club is looking for people interested in serving as an Executive Board member. NAHS parents, non-NAHS parents, and community leaders can be a part of the Sports Booster Club's efforts to continue the enhancement of the athletic program at North Atlanta High. Please respond by email to **Fletcher Jernigan** at [smilesbydrj@msn.com](mailto:smilesbydrj@msn.com).



## Spring Sports Banquet

Meet our NEW Defensive Coordinator **Kevin Clark**, NEW Head Football Coach **Shannon Williams**, and NEW Athletic Director **Steve Adley**, pictured L-R, at the [Spring Sports Banquet, Thurs. May 10 at 6:00 PM](#). We will

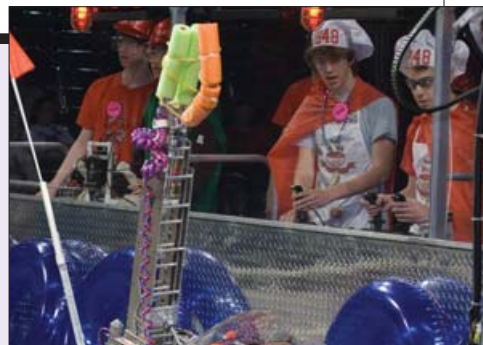
also elect the 2007-08 Booster Club Board.

## WINNING WARRIORS



Senior **Christina Turner** was the featured vocalist with the Atlanta Chapter Silhouettes of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity for their Spring Evening of Elegance. Our Jazz Band's singer has been on the Honor Roll each semester during her four years at North Atlanta. As one of the newest "Dawgs" from NAHS, Christina had a blast at the recent "Georgia Daze" weekend for newly admitted students at UGA.

The Georgia Robotics Alliance team, nicknamed "Soup," won first place in the NASA Peachtree Regional First Robotics Competition over the weekend of March 16th. The team, including NAHS Juniors **Josh Sandler** and **Brett Dutro**, is sponsored by Wheeler High School. They spent six weeks designing and constructing a 150-pound remote-control robot to compete against 75 teams from around the Southeast. Their win qualified them for the NASA First International Tournament held in Atlanta April 12-14, where they passed admirably through the qualification



rounds among 344 teams. Though they didn't make it to the finals, Team Soup had a blast meeting other teams and sharing parts and ideas with contestants from as far away as Brazil and Israel.

## RVI Students Gain with HSHT

High School High Tech is valuable initiative for high school students with disabilities who have a strong interest in math, science, and/or technology. It includes these opportunities:

- **The Recycled Computer Project.** Six NAHS students were chosen to apply for the use of a refurbished laptop during the 2007-08 school year: **Lennox Carroll, Jessica Felder, Branden Hege, Travis Johnson, Maria Samples, and Tatianna Stephens.**
- **The HSHT Youth Leadership Forum.** Four days on the campus of Georgia State University and College in Milledgeville, June 9-12, include leadership activities for rising and graduating Seniors. **Jarvis Brown, Harold Chestnut, Christa Gates, and Branden Hege** have applied for this program.
- **2007 GDOL Summer Youth Work Experience Project.** Thirty slots have been reserved for metro area HSHT students for summer jobs in various government agencies. The goal is to achieve complete integration of our employment system by including workers with disabilities. Several NAHS students will be given this opportunity.
- **College & Workplace Visits.** Students tour technical colleges, technology plants, communication agencies, and other sites that pertain to their career goals.

If your company can provide job shadowing, internships, or usable computers for our students, please contact **RVI Coordinator Angela Rucker**, 404.802.4741, or [arucker@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:arucker@atlanta.k12.ga.us).

## Eight To Attend State Conference

Nearly 900 students from all over Georgia will attend the RVI State Leadership Conference May 6-8. These students (listed with their competition categories) will stay at the Jekyll Island Oceanfront Resort for two days of interactive leadership exercises, competitive events, fun, and networking:

- Carl Abernathy, Christa Gates** – Job Application/Interview
- Jarvis Brown, Branden Hege, Gaishia Ivory** – Occupational Creative Thinking
- Kelvis Fredericks** – Graphic Arts
- Anastasia Martin** – Leadership Skills
- Maria Samples** – Floriculture

Special thanks to the **PTSA** and our annual contributors, **Perry Mitchell, Pam Woodley, and Peggy Wright**, whose donations have made this experience possible for so many students!

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**PTSA CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>May</b>		
7 (Mon)	7:00 PM	Top Ten Percent Banquet – Sheraton Buckhead (by invitation)
9 (Wed)	7:00 PM	Symphonic & Jazz Bands Concert – Courtyard Picnic
10 (Thu)	6:00 PM	Spring Sports Banquet – Cafeteria
10-11 (Thu-Fri)	7:00 PM	Dance Concert – Students \$5, Adults \$7
12 (Sat)	7:30-11:00 PM	Black, Silver and Red Hot Jazz Gala/Art Auction (tickets required)
14-15 (M-T)	all day	Senior Final Exams
14 (Mon)	5:00 PM	CFA Potluck Awards Dinner
	7:00 PM	PTSA General Meeting – Bursmith Farewell, 2007-08 Board Elections, MyGrant Welcome
16-25	8:30 AM	Daily Mandatory Graduation Practice (Seniors)
17 (Thu)	tba	Senior Exam Re-takes
18 (Fri)	9:00 AM	Senior Breakfast; Cap & Gown Distribution
	7:00 PM	Show Troupe, "Back to Broadway"
19 (Sat)	10:00 AM	Visions of the Future – NAHS Gym – Srs report 8:30
22 (Tue)	12:00 PM	Senior Picnic
23-25 (W-F)	all day	Final Exams, Grades 9-11
24 (Th)	tba	MTV Broadcast of our Junior-Senior Prom
25 (Fri)	12:00 PM	Senior Luncheon – Cheyenne Grill
	3:15 PM	<b>Last Bell Rings – School's out for the summer!!!</b>
27 (Sun)	12:00 PM	Mandatory Graduation Practice – Civic Center
29 (Tue)	8:30 PM	Graduation – Civic Center – Srs report 7:00
<b>August</b>		
13 (Mon)	8:15 AM	<b>First Day of School Begins</b>

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